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SENATOR ALLARD SUPPORTS PRESIDENT BUSH'S RECESS APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BOLTON AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) made the following statement Monday regarding President Bush's recess appointment of John Bolton to be the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations:

"I support President Bush's decision to make this recess appointment. I had hoped that the Senate would be able to confirm this nominee, but that did not occur. I think the President's recess appointment is necessary. The United Nations needs a shake up, and John Bolton is the best person to spearhead that effort. The sooner he gets started, the better. I am confident John Bolton will do an outstanding job of looking out for our country's interests at the United Nations.

"John Bolton is a person of judgment, integrity and principle who speaks his mind and tells the truth. He is a plain-spoken, tough-minded diplomat who knows how to get results.

"John Bolton believes in the mission of the United Nations and has worked over the last three decades to reform that organization. But Mr. Bolton is fed up with the waste and abuse of power that seems to be pervasive in the United Nations, as are many Coloradoans and Americans.

"I find no fault with the fact that Mr. Bolton believes that reform is necessary. The United Nations will never fulfill its original mandate if it remains clouded by scandal and abuse."

As Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Bolton headed several multilateral initiatives that have reduced the threats to U.S. security. Bolton designed the highly successfully Proliferation Security Initiative, which now includes more than 60 nations working together to share intelligence and stop the transfer of weapons of mass destruction. He was also the principal U.S. negotiator for the Moscow Treaty, which will reduce the number of operationally deployed warheads in Russia and the United States to between 1,700 and 2,200.

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